Workshop on Export Marketing Finanne

3153. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 3-day workshop on Export Marketing Finance was organised in New Delhi around September 9, 1994:

(b) if so, what were the main observations and suggestions made therein; and

(c) what steps are being and have been taken in the light thereof to boost export and augment export financing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Ministry of Commerce did not organise any workshop on Export Marketing Finance in September, 1994.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shrinking role of Tea Board

3154. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the advent of liberalisation of economy the Tea Board is losing its significance with its area of operation undergoing drastic change; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the figures of tea production, domestic consumption and exports during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (estimated) and the comparative price trends in the domestic and international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Role and functions of the Tea Board as defined in the Tea Act, are oriented towards development of tea industry in India including enhandement of production/productivity, quality improvement and promotion of marketing & exports. These primary objectives of the Tea Board continue to hold good in the liberalised trade regime initiated by the Govt. However, required information has been indicated in the enclosed statement.

Statement

(I) Production, Domestic Consumption and Exports of Tea

(Figures in Million Kgs.)

Year	Estimated Production	Estimated Domestic Consumption	Exports
1992-93	729.09	545	181
1993-94	753.53	565	161
1994-95 (April to January)	699.72	–	130
1993-94 (April to January)	714.86	–	138

(II) Price trends in Domestic & International Markets

(PRICE IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCY PER KG)

CURRENCY :	INDIA	:	INDIAN RUPEE
	COLOMBO	:	SRI LANKAN RUPEE
	JAKARTA	:	U.S. CENT
	MOMBASA	:	KENYA SHILLING
AND	LIMBE LONDON	:	TAMBALA/U.S. CENT PENCE

Name of the Auction	1992	1993	1994
All India (Average)	38.88	48.93	49.65
Colombo (Sri Lanka)	62.24	69.28	65.34*
Jakarta (Indonesia)	129.60	134.39	117.23*
Mombasa (Kenya)@	53.88	155.00	158.00*
Limbe (Malawi)@	296.39	100.11	82.37*
London	113.32	123.84	119.46*

*Upto November, 1994
@Since 1993 price is U.S. Cent.

Discussion with the U.S. delegation on 'Super 301'

3155. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR
SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the move to impose US trade law 'Super 301' was discussed during the recent visit of the US delegation led by the US Commerce Secretary; and

(b) if so, in what precise terms and context and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Study on cost and benefit's of EPZs

3156. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been done by Government or any other organisation/institution on the cost and benefits of the six export promotion zones set up in the country;

(b) if so, the findings of the study and if not, the reasons for the same;

(c) the details of the incentives given to these zones for exports and their yearly incidence in terms of per unit net foreign exchange earnings; and